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Welcome to the planet Mobius - - a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Dr. Eggman is on the hunt for his traitorous lackey, Snively, and will stop at nothing to catch him!

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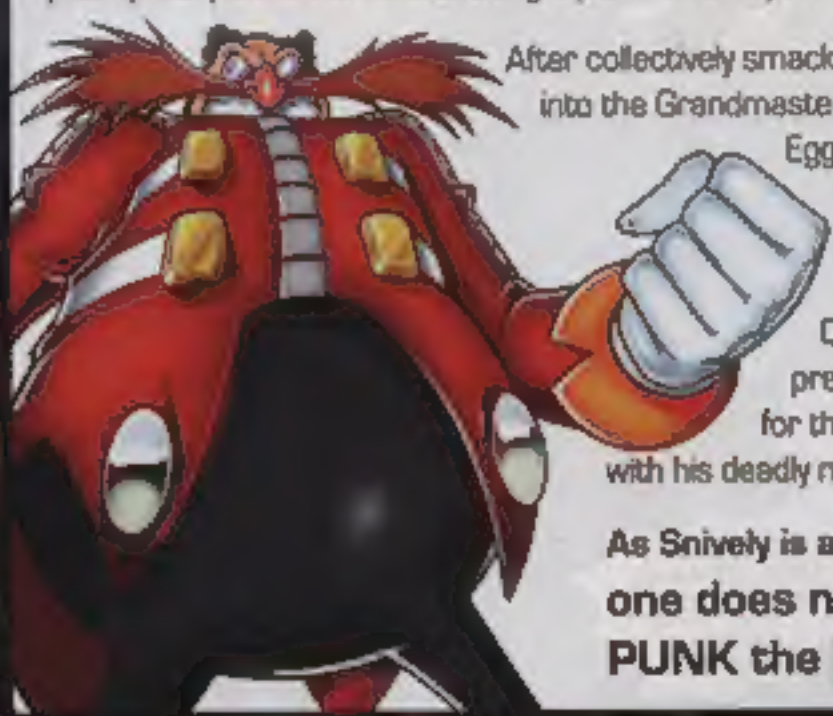
PREVIOUSLY...

Doctor Eggman and his evil Eggman Empire have been on quite the winning streak lately! With the launch of his latest battle station and roboticization of Sonic's teammate and main squeeze, Sally Acorn, you're lookin' at one jolly evil genius!

Jolly that is, until his faithful servant and lackey for years, Snively, turned traitor to the Empire and launched a daring escape! During the escape, Snively left Eggman's evil Dark Egg Legion in disarray, forcing the doctor to pick up the pieces before launching a pursuit. Pretty sneaky, Sniv'!



After collectively smacking some sense into the Grandmasters of the Dark Egg Legion and fixing himself some new emergency lackeys, Orbot and Cubot, Eggman has prepared his forces for the hunt, starting with his deadly new "Metal Series"!

As Snively is about to find out, one does not simply PUNK the Eggman...

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CENTRAL CITY CAPITAL OF THE UNITED FEDERATION
FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE NEAREST BUNKER!
MORE G.U.N. FORCES ARE ON THE WAY!
STAY CALM! PROCEED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION!
WE WILL PROTECT YOU!
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SPECIAL THANKS TO ANTHONY GACCIONE & CINDY CHAU AT SEGA LICENSING!

ABOARD THE EGG CAMEL

BEHOLD! THE MIGHT OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE COMES CRUSHING DOWN ON THE CITY!

DR. EGGMAN MAD GENIUS

YES, SIR.

GRANDMASTER HUGO BRASS LEGIONIZED SOLDIER

AN ALL-OUT INVASION THAT MIGHT PUSH G.U.N. INTO OPEN WAR-FARE WITH ME!

YES, SIR.

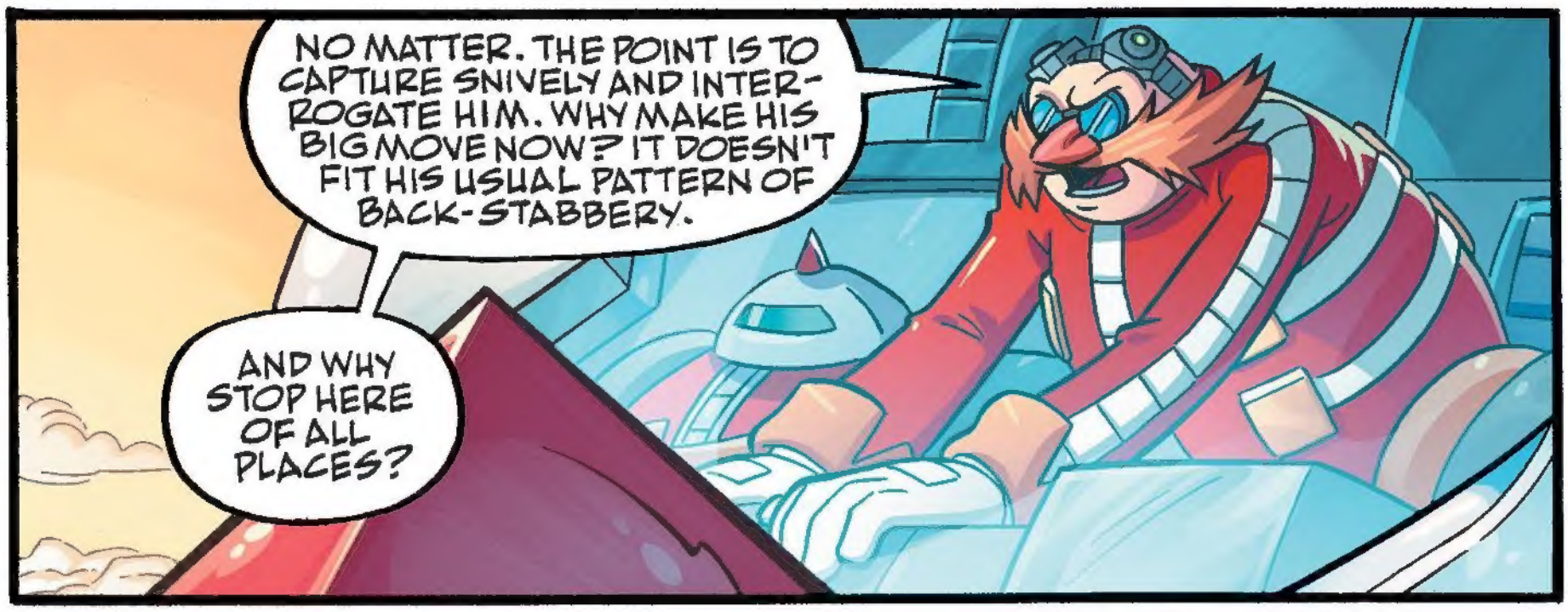
AND ALL JUST TO SMOKE OUT THAT LITTLE TRAITOR SNIVELY!

YES, SIR.

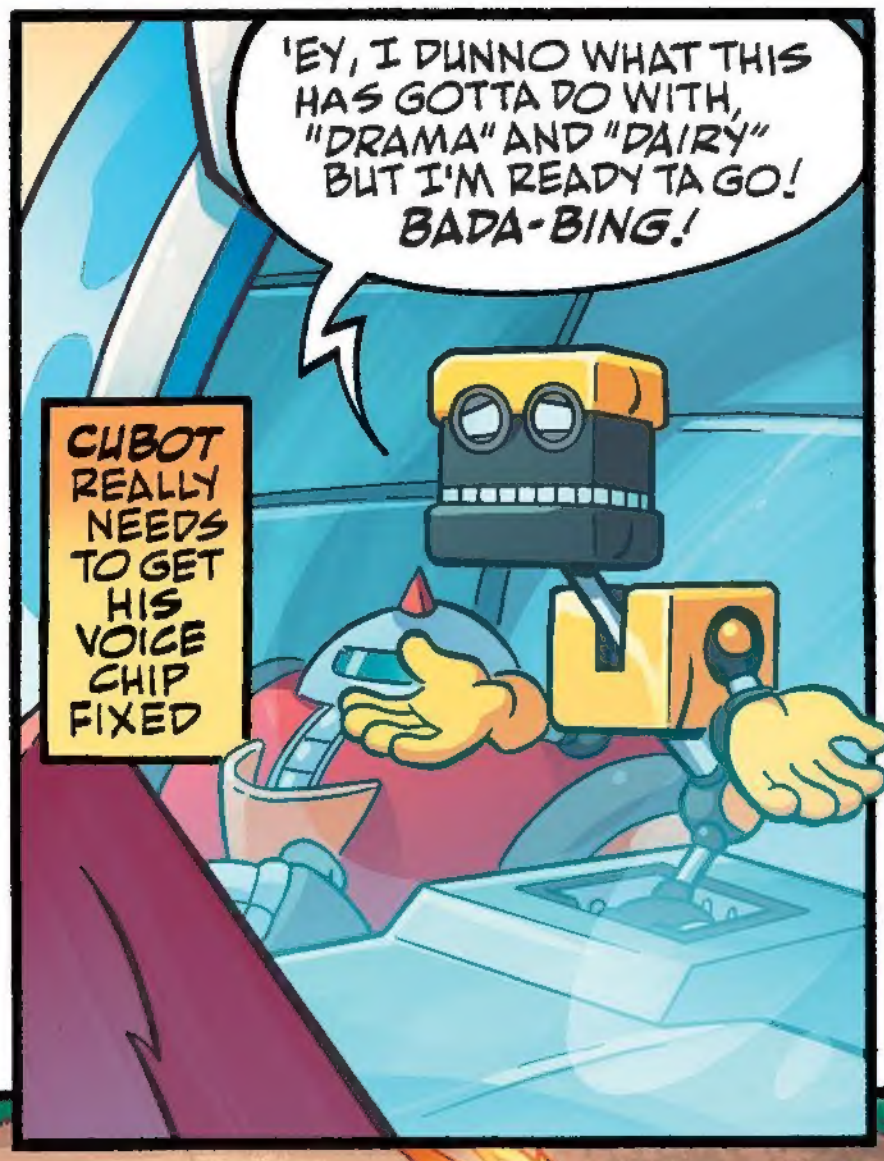
Y'KNOW, HUGO, I GOT A REAL KICK OUT OF REWIRING YOUR BRAIN. YOU CAME TO RESCUE YOUR PALADIN UNIT SO BRAZENLY, SO HEROIC-ALLY, ONLY FOR ALL OF YOU TO BECOME MY MINDLESS MINIONS!

BUT NOW YOU'RE JUST... BORING.

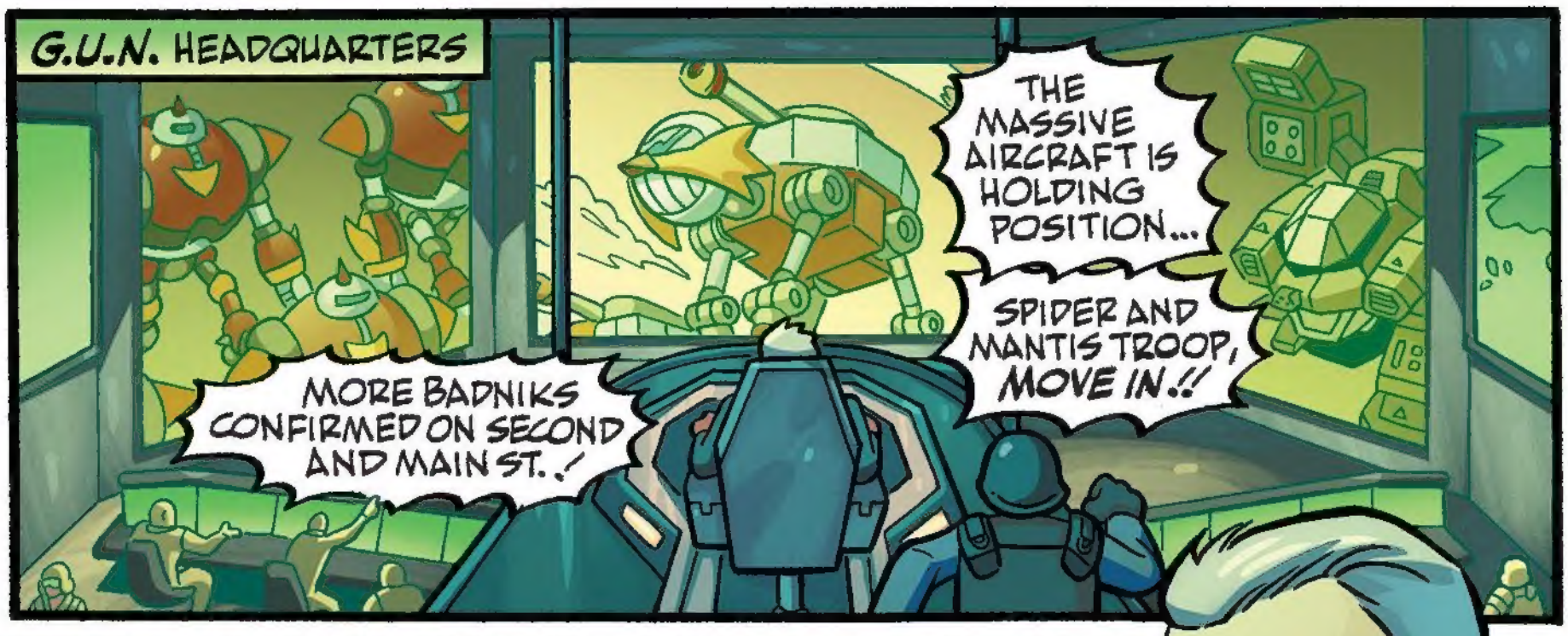
YES, SIR. SORRY, SIR.


NO MATTER. THE POINT IS TO CAPTURE SNIVELY AND INTERROGATE HIM. WHY MAKE HIS BIG MOVE NOW? IT DOESN'T FIT HIS USUAL PATTERN OF BACK-STABBERY.
AND WHY STOP HERE OF ALL PLACES?

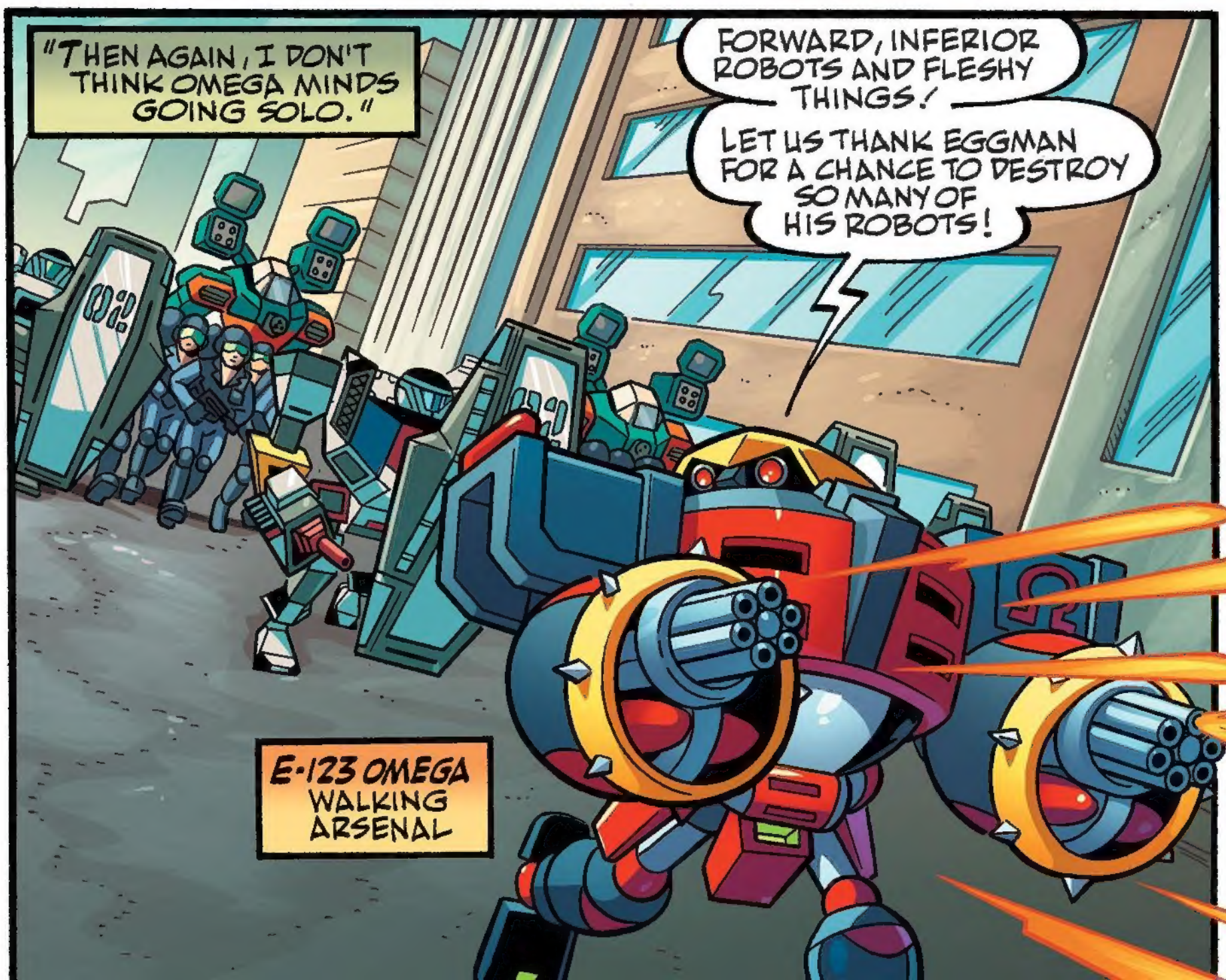
DROMEDARY TWO AND THREE! ARE YOU READY FOR THE ASSAULT?
THIS IS DROMEDARY TWO, AWAITING YOUR COMMAND, O BULBOUS ONE!
ORBOT ROBOT LACKEY.

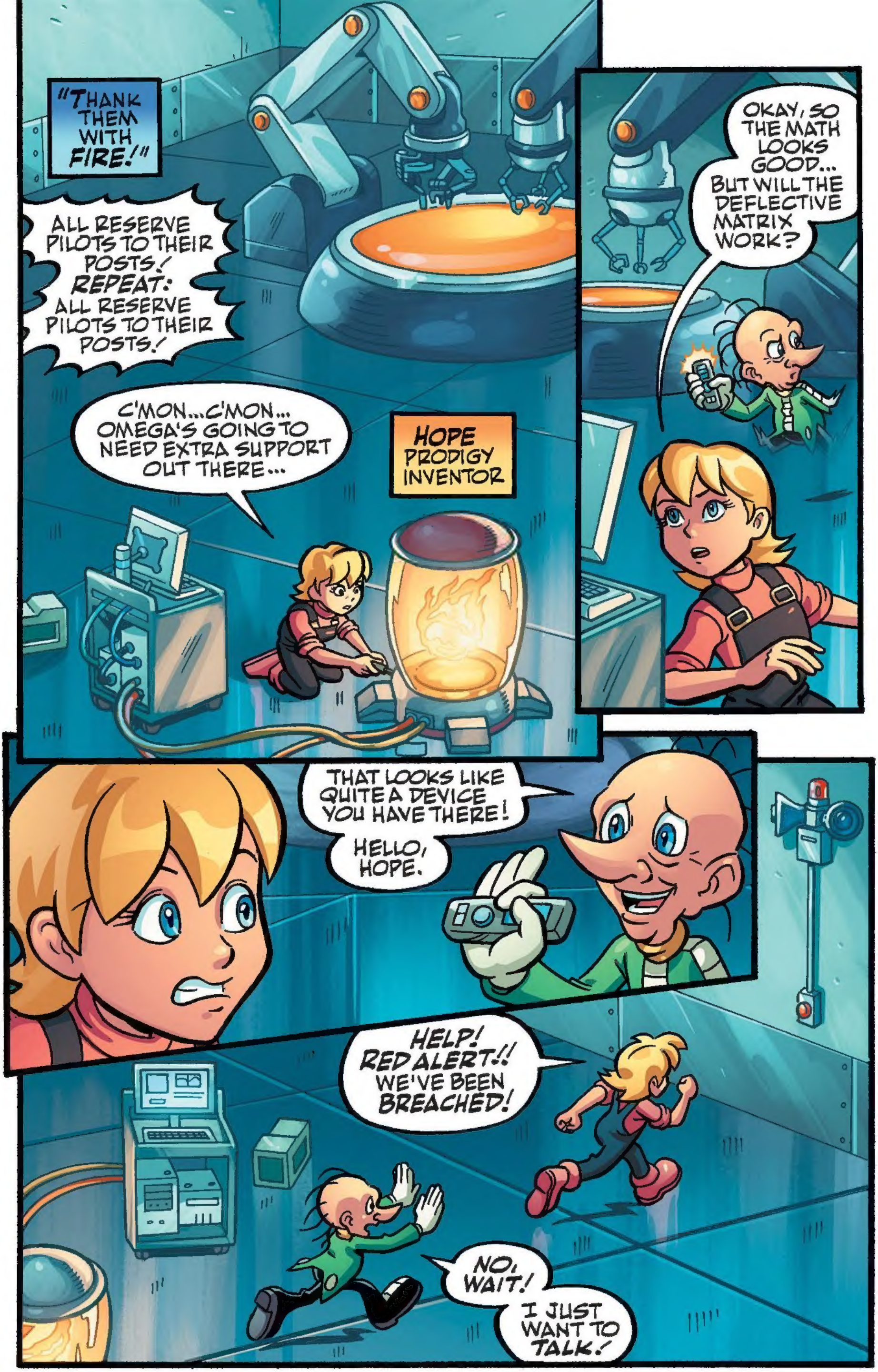

'EY, I DUNNO WHAT THIS HAS GOTTA DO WITH, "DRAMA" AND "DAIRY" BUT I'M READY TA GO! BADA-BING!
CUBOT REALLY NEEDS TO GET HIS VOICE CHIP FIXED

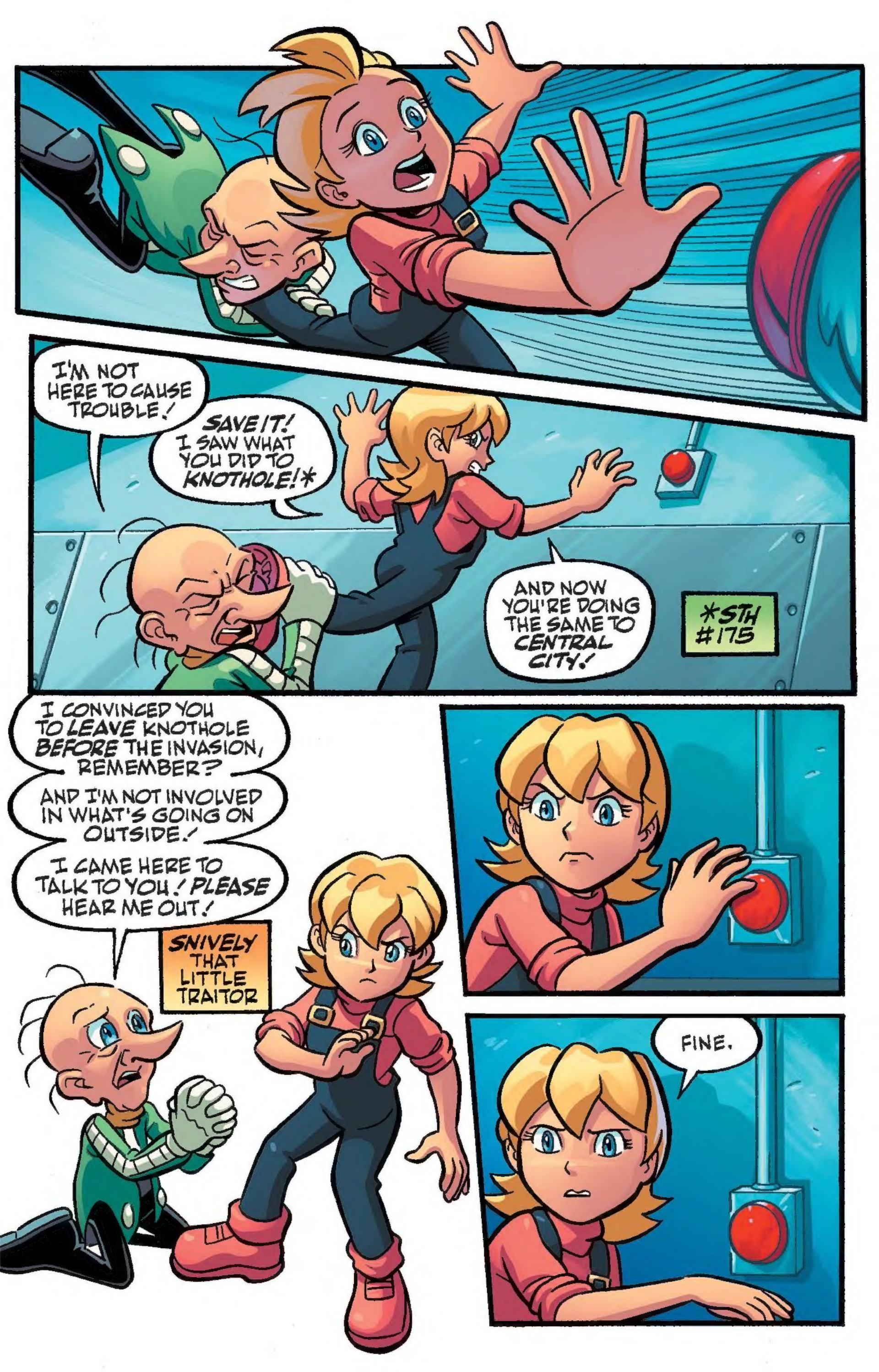
ALL FORCES... ATTACK!!

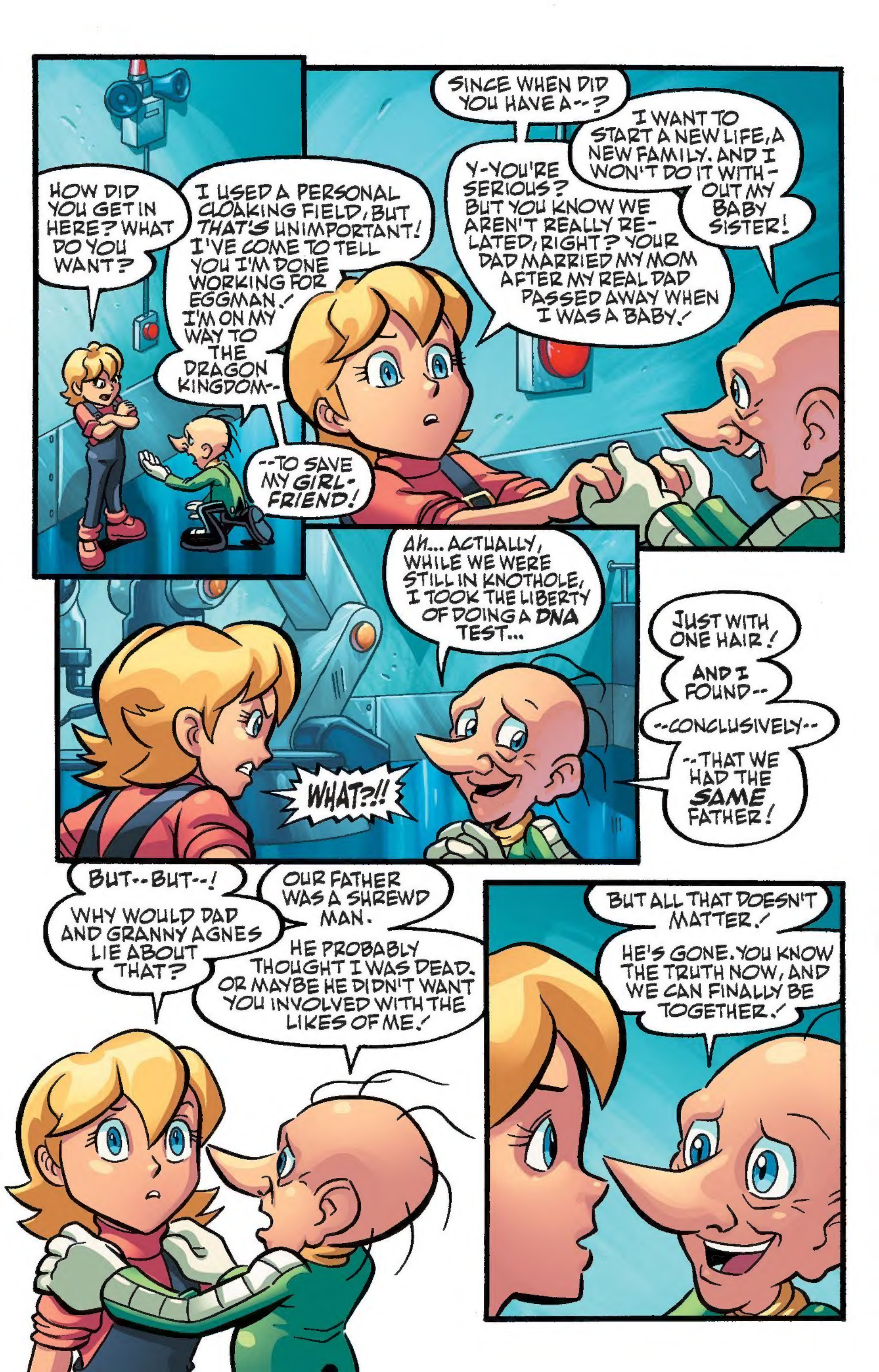

G.U.N. HEADQUARTERS
MORE BADNIKS CONFIRMED ON SECOND AND MAIN ST.!
THE MASSIVE AIRCRAFT IS HOLDING POSITION...
SPIDER AND MANTIS TROOP, MOVE IN!!

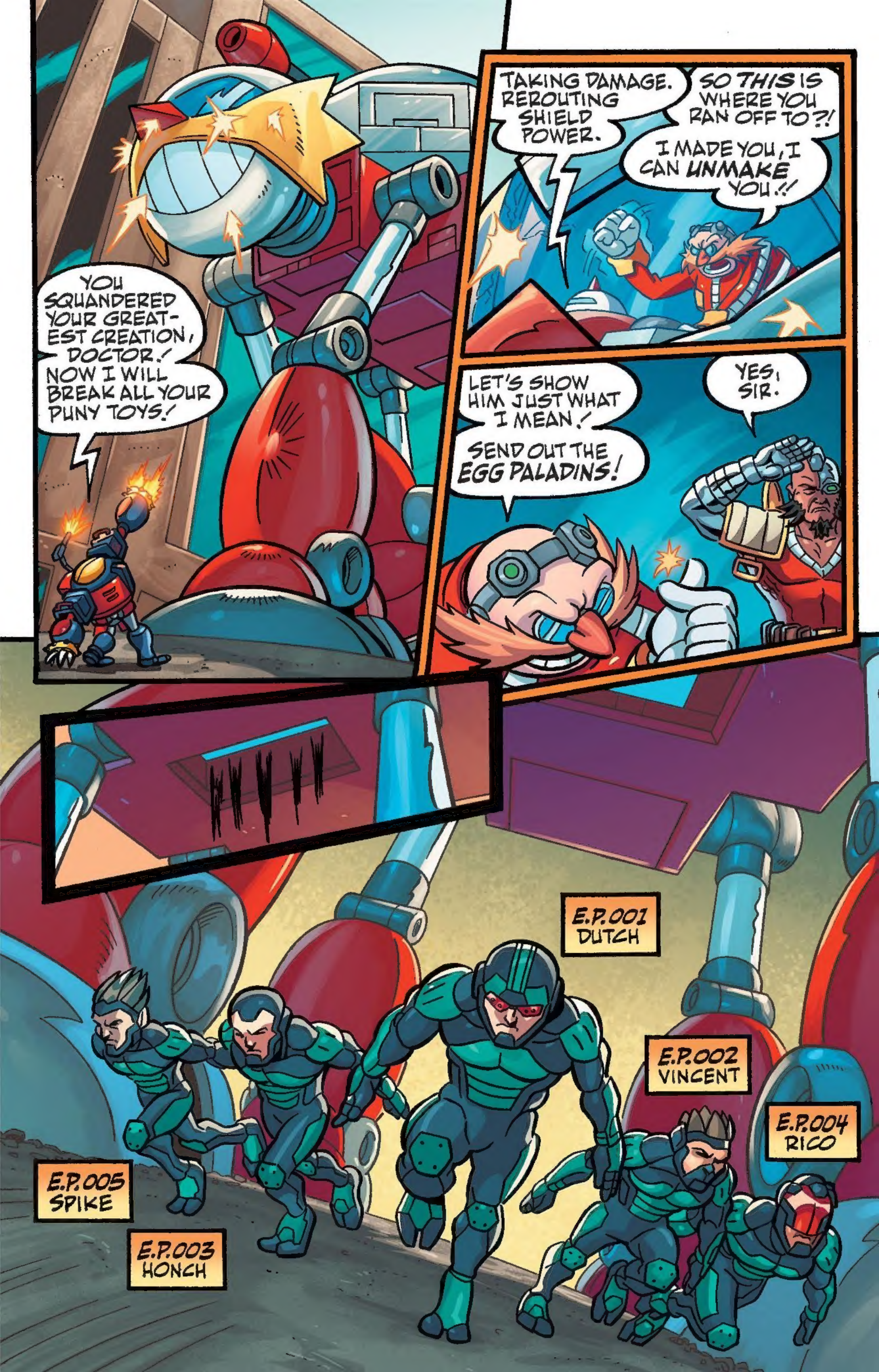
SIR! I HAVE CONFIRMATION THE PRESIDENT'S ESCORTS HAVE ARRIVED!
VERY WELL. I HATE TO SEND TWO-THIRDS OF TEAM DARK AWAY, BUT THE PRESIDENT WAS ADAMANT!
CMD. ABRAHAM TOWER
HEAD OF G.U.N.


"THEN AGAIN, I DON'T THINK OMEGA MINDS GOING SOLO."
FORWARD, INFERIOR ROBOTS AND FLESHY THINGS!
LET US THANK EGGMAN FOR A CHANCE TO DESTROY SO MANY OF HIS ROBOTS!
E-123 OMEGA
WALKING ARSENAL


"THANK THEM WITH FIRE!"
ALL RESERVE PILOTS TO THEIR POSTS! REPEAT: ALL RESERVE PILOTS TO THEIR POSTS!
C'MON...C'MON... OMEGA'S GOING TO NEED EXTRA SUPPORT OUT THERE...
HOPE PRODIGY INVENTOR
OKAY, SO THE MATH LOOKS GOOD... BUT WILL THE DEFLECTIVE MATRIX WORK?
THAT LOOKS LIKE QUITE A DEVICE YOU HAVE THERE!
HELLO, HOPE.
HELP! RED ALERT!! WE'VE BEEN BREACHED!
NO, WAIT!
I JUST WANT TO TALK!


I'M NOT HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE!
SAVE IT! I SAW WHAT YOU DID TO KNOTHOLE!*
AND NOW YOU'RE DOING THE SAME TO CENTRAL CITY!
*STH #175
I CONVINCED YOU TO LEAVE KNOTHOLE BEFORE THE INVASION, REMEMBER?
AND I'M NOT INVOLVED IN WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE!
I CAME HERE TO TALK TO YOU! PLEASE HEAR ME OUT!
SNIVELY THAT LITTLE TRAITOR
FINE.

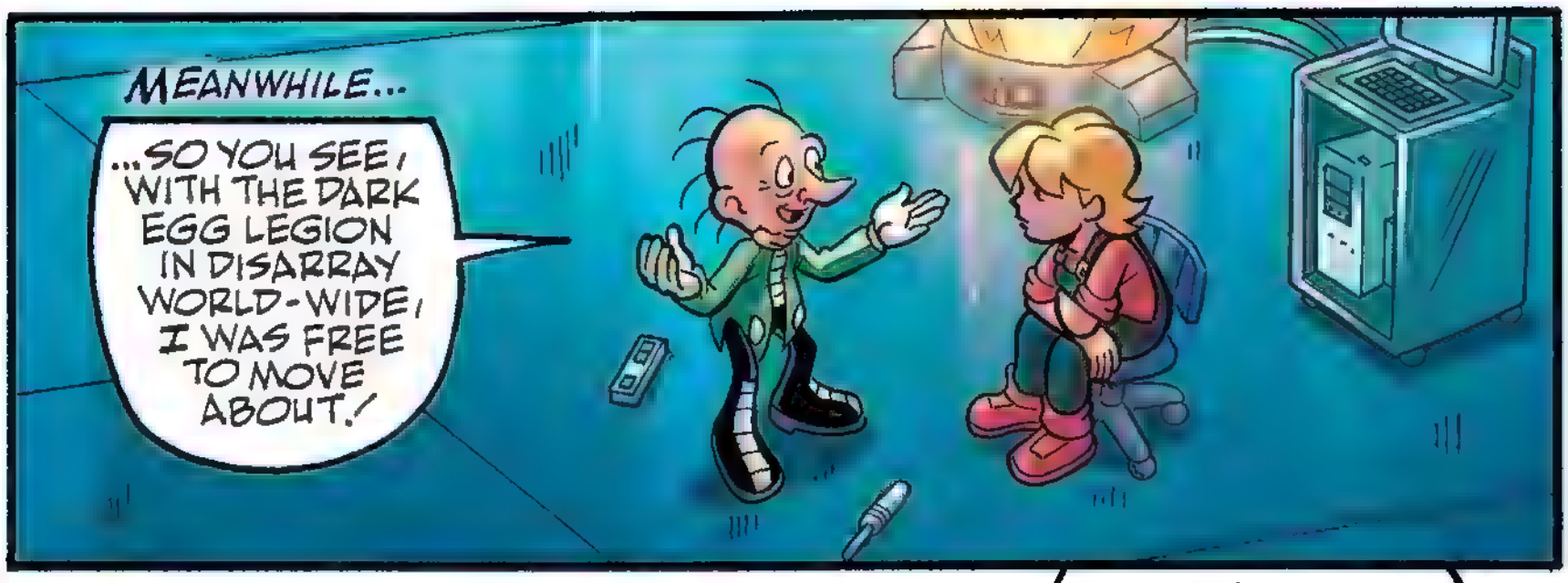

HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I USED A PERSONAL CLOAKING FIELD, BUT THAT'S UNIMPORTANT! I'VE COME TO TELL YOU I'M DONE WORKING FOR EGGMAN.! I'M ON MY WAY TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM--
--TO SAVE MY GIRL-FRIEND!
SINCE WHEN DID YOU HAVE A--?
Y-YOU'RE SERIOUS? BUT YOU KNOW WE AREN'T REALLY RE-LATED, RIGHT? YOUR DAD MARRIED MY MOM AFTER MY REAL DAD PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS A BABY.!
I WANT TO START A NEW LIFE, A NEW FAMILY. AND I WON'T DO IT WITH-OUT MY BABY SISTER!
AH... ACTUALLY, WHILE WE WERE STILL IN KNOTHOLE, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF DOING A DNA TEST...
WHAT?!!
JUST WITH ONE HAIR!
AND I FOUND--
--CONCLUSIVELY--
--THAT WE HAD THE SAME FATHER!
BUT--BUT--!
WHY WOULD DAD AND GRANNY AGNES LIE ABOUT THAT?
OUR FATHER WAS A SHREWD MAN.
HE PROBABLY THOUGHT I WAS DEAD. OR MAYBE HE DIDN'T WANT YOU INVOLVED WITH THE LIKES OF ME.!
BUT ALL THAT DOESN'T MATTER.!
HE'S GONE. YOU KNOW THE TRUTH NOW, AND WE CAN FINALLY BE TOGETHER.!


YOU SQUANDERED YOUR GREATEST CREATION, DOCTOR! NOW I WILL BREAK ALL YOUR PUNY TOYS!
TAKING DAMAGE. REROUTING SHIELD POWER.
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU RAN OFF TO?!
I MADE YOU, I CAN UNMAKE YOU!!
LET'S SHOW HIM JUST WHAT I MEAN!
SEND OUT THE EGG PALADINS!
YES, SIR.
E.P.001 DUTCH
E.P.002 VINCENT
E.P.003 HONCH
E.P.004 RICO
E.P.005 SPIKE

CAREFUL, YOU TREASONOUS TRASHCAN!
THESE ARE LEGIONIZED G.U.N. SOLDIERS! YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SHOOT YOUR ARMY BUDDIES NOW, WOULD YOU?!
I--
KLANG
NOW! WHILE HE HESITATES! PRESS THE ATTACK--
--WHILE I ARRANGE ANOTHER LITTLE SURPRISE!
THAT'S IT! KEEP HIM PINNED DOWN! E.P. 002 AND 005-- MOVE INTO POSITION!
STRIKE!

WHAM
OH, FOR THE LOVE OF--! NOW! HIT HIM!

ANALYZING NEW TARGET... PRINCESS SALLY?!
HAHAHA!! THE ONE AND ONLY! DO YOU SEE NOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO OPPOSE ME?!
LEADER OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE FREEDOM FIGHTER TEAM. SHE SHOULD BE RESCUED!
BUT SHE CAN'T! I'VE MADE SURE OF THAT! AND SHE'S ALREADY HURT SONIC MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER HOPE TO!
I NO LONGER DESIRE TO DESTROY SONIC. MUCH.
IF THERE IS NO CHANCE OF RESCUE, PERHAPS DESTRUCTION IS THE KINDER OPTION?
ZOT
ZOT
NAH-AH-AH! I WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE TO GET HER! NO TOUCHIE! FIRE!


MEANWHILE...
...SO YOU SEE, WITH THE DARK EGG LEGION IN DISARRAY WORLD-WIDE, I WAS FREE TO MOVE ABOUT.

THE NEXT STEP IS FOR YOU TO COME WITH ME TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM. WE'LL RESCUE REGINA AND START OVER.
I DON'T KNOW... THE COMMANDER HAS BEEN VERY KIND TO ME...

I'VE LOST MY FIRST FAMILY, AND I ABANDONED EVERYONE IN KNOTHOLE. I DON'T WANT TO TURN MY BACK ON THOSE WHO'VE SHOWN ME KINDNESS AGAIN.

YOU'RE ONE LITTLE GIRL ON AN ARMY BASE. COME WITH ME. I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE, AND REGINA WILL LOVE YOUR KNACK WITH MACHINES.
...IT CAN BE AWFULLY LONELY HERE AT TIMES...

BY THEN, EGGMAN WILL HAVE RESTORED ORDER TO HIS EMPIRE, BUT HE'LL BE WEAKENED! WE'LL BE UNITED, AND STRONGER!
WAIT...
WE'LL TOPPLE HIM FROM HIS THRONE ONCE AND FOR ALL! FIRST WE'LL TAKE THE EGGMAN EMPIRE, AND THEN ALL OF MOBIUS!
AND YOU AND I CAN RULE THE WORLD AS ONE BIG, HAPPY FAMILY!!

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

I'M SURE REGINA WILL LET YOU PICK WHICHEVER CONTINENT YOU WANT AS YOUR OWN!

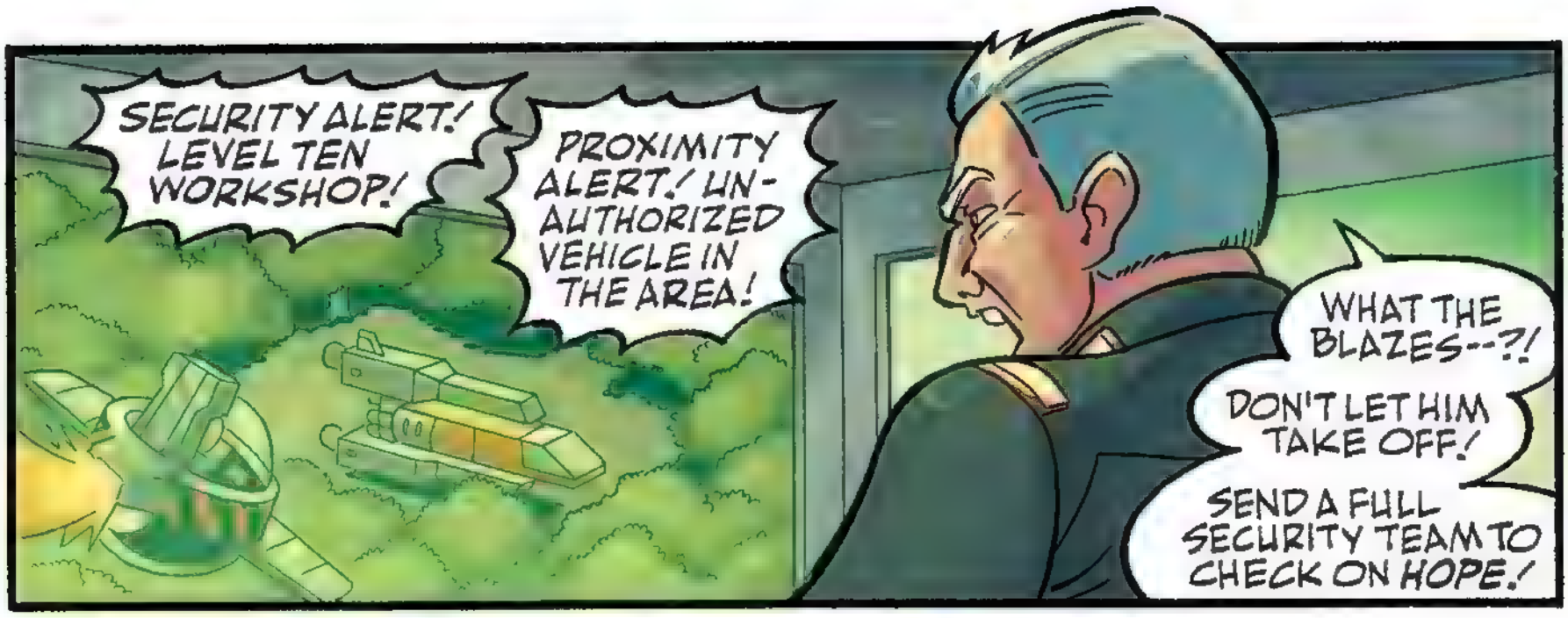
SMAK

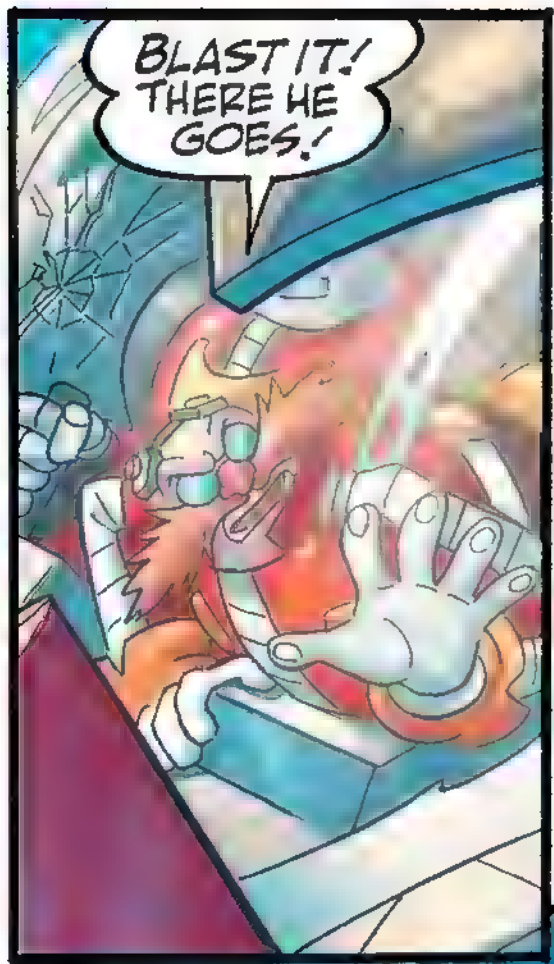
YOU *HORRIBLE, WRETCHED* LITTLE MAN! YOU HAD ME! AFTER ALL THE EVIL YOU'VE DONE, YOU HAD ME BELIEVING THERE WAS A *SHRED* OF DECENCY IN YOU--*AGAIN*!!

BUT THERE *ISN'T*! YOU MISERABLE, HATEFUL, *EVIL* MAN! YOU'RE NOT MY BROTHER IN *ANY* SHAPE OR FORM! I'M STAYING *HERE*! AND I'M HELPING THE COMMANDER STOP *YOU* AND *EGGMAN* IN ANY WAY I CAN!!

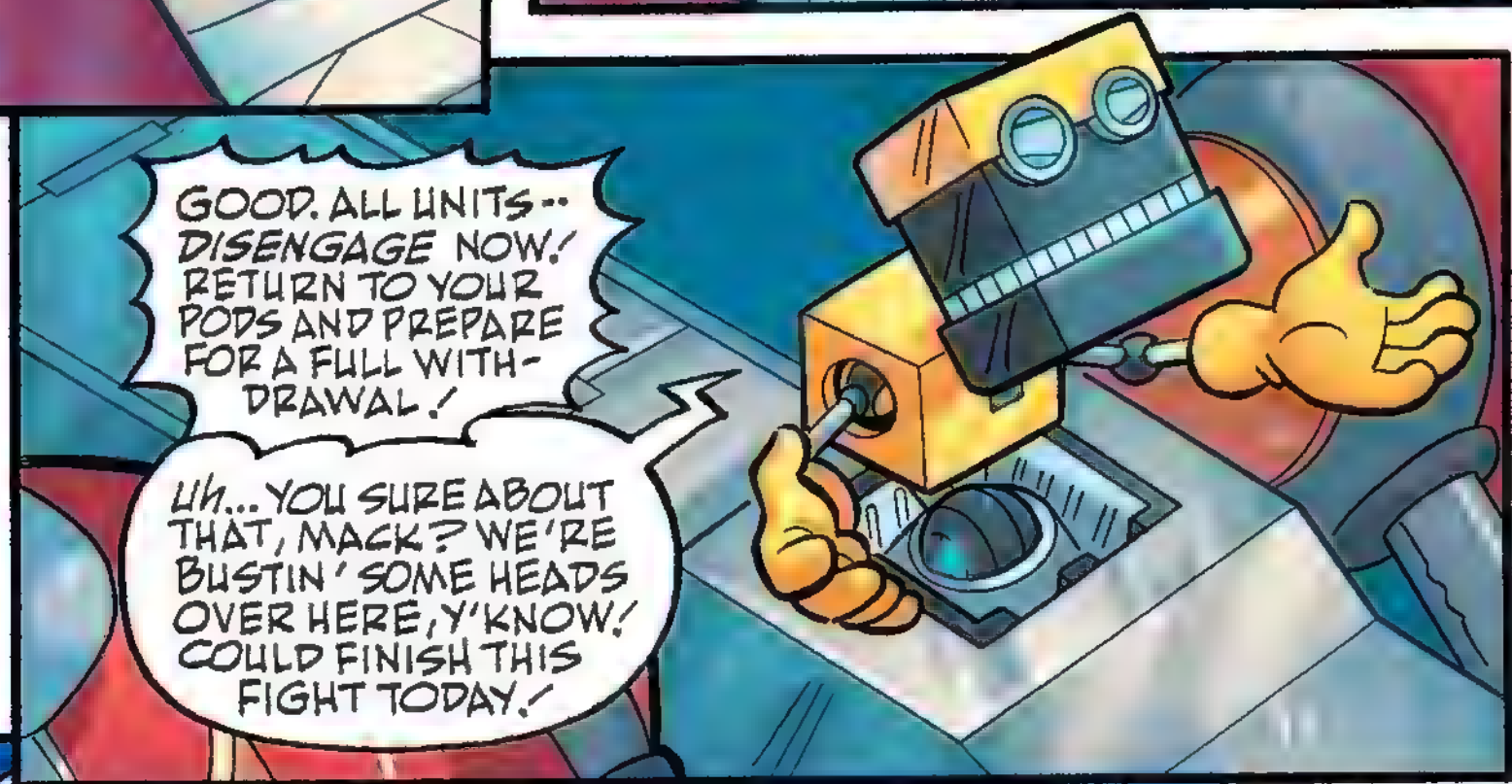
AND WHAT DO YOU THINK *YOU* CAN DO, *HUH*?! WHAT CAN A SECOND-RATE, UNGRATEFUL BRAT LIKE YOU *POSSIBLY* BUILD TO COUNTER A *GENIUS* LIKE ME?!!

HOW ABOUT THIS?!
FLAME SHIELD ENGAGE!!
GET OUT OF MY WORKSHOP.
GET OUT OF MY COUNTRY.
GET OUT OF MY LIFE!
BREEP BREEP
BREEP BREEP
BREEP BREEP

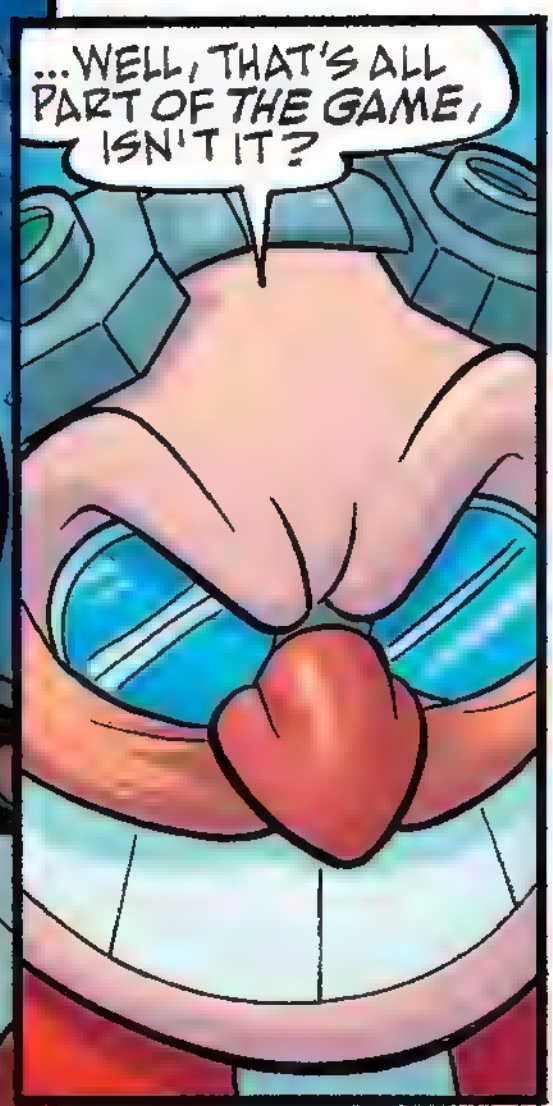

SECURITY ALERT! LEVEL TEN WORKSHOP!
PROXIMITY ALERT! UN-AUTHORIZED VEHICLE IN THE AREA!
WHAT THE BLAZES--?!
DON'T LET HIM TAKE OFF!
SEND A FULL SECURITY TEAM TO CHECK ON HOPE!

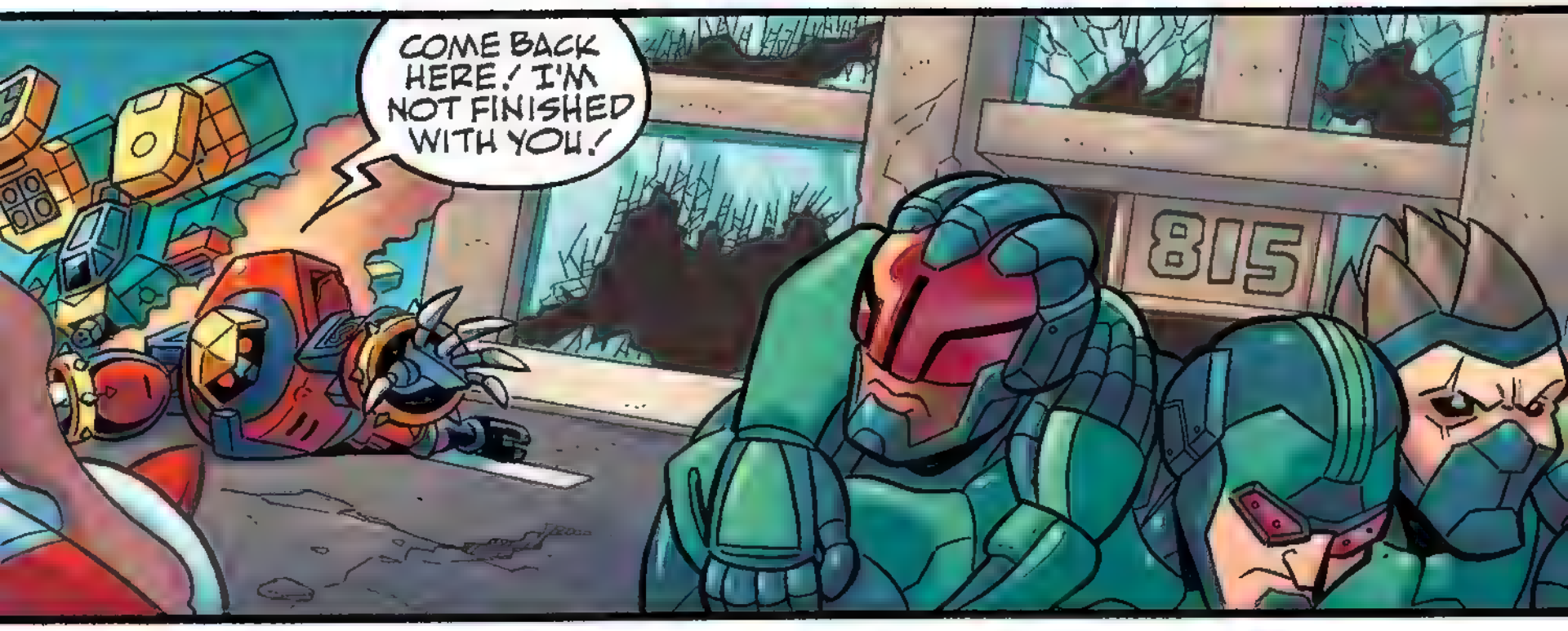

BLAST IT! THERE HE GOES!

ORBOT! IS THE TRACKER ON THE EGG JET STILL WORKING?!
LIKE A CHARM, BOSS! WE'LL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIM ONCE WE'RE BACK TO BASE!


GOOD. ALL UNITS-- DISENGAGE NOW! RETURN TO YOUR PODS AND PREPARE FOR A FULL WITH-DRAWAL!
UH... YOU SURE ABOUT THAT, MACK? WE'RE BUSTIN' SOME HEADS OVER HERE, Y'KNOW! COULD FINISH THIS FIGHT TODAY!

I COULD ROLL OVER THE UNITED FEDERATION AT ANY TIME. THIS WILL JUST SERVE AS A RE-MINDER TO THEM ABOUT WHO'S IN CONTROL-AND IF THEY MANAGE TO REBUILD STRONGER...


...WELL, THAT'S ALL PART OF THE GAME, ISN'T IT?


COME BACK HERE! I'M NOT FINISHED WITH YOU!
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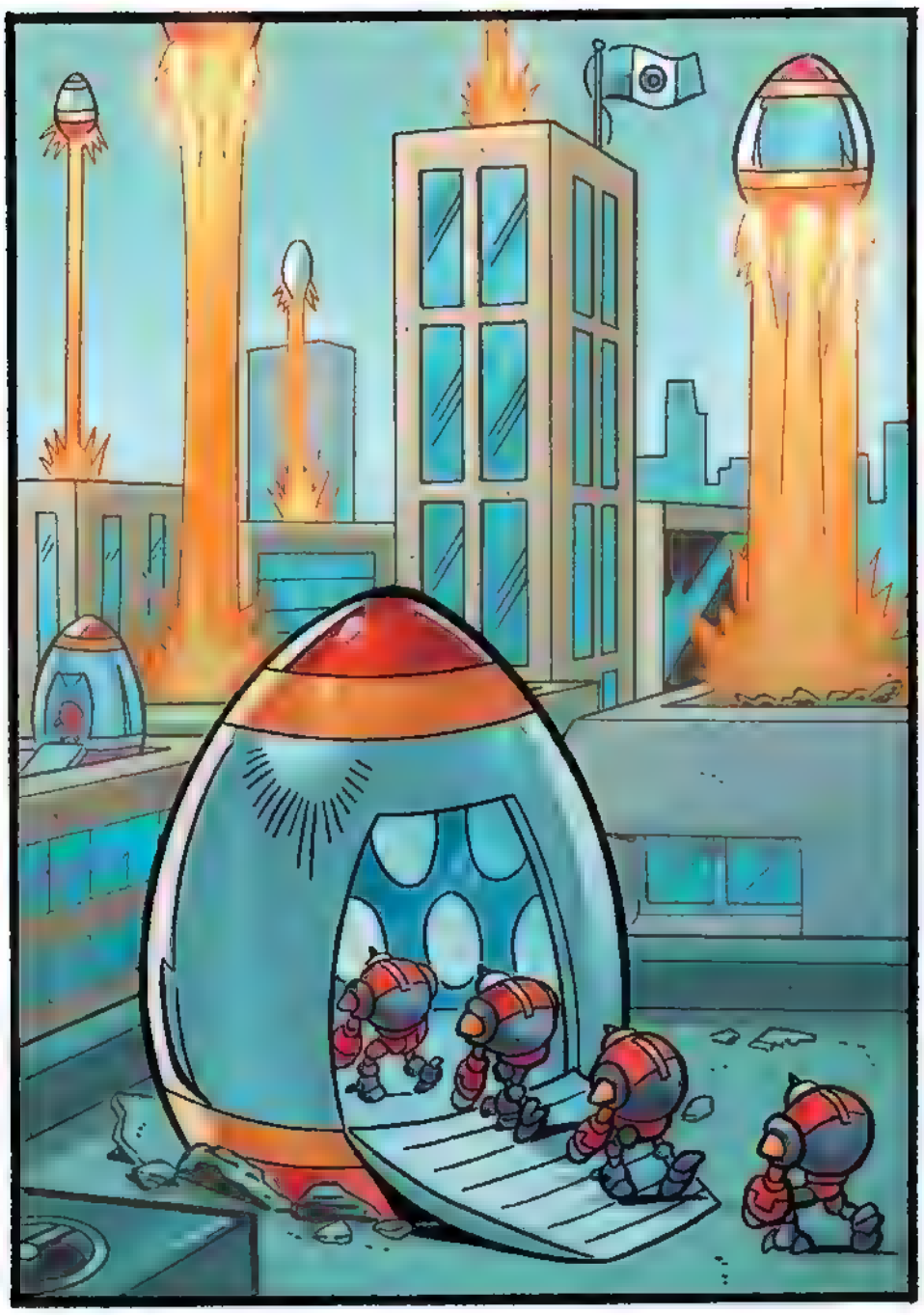

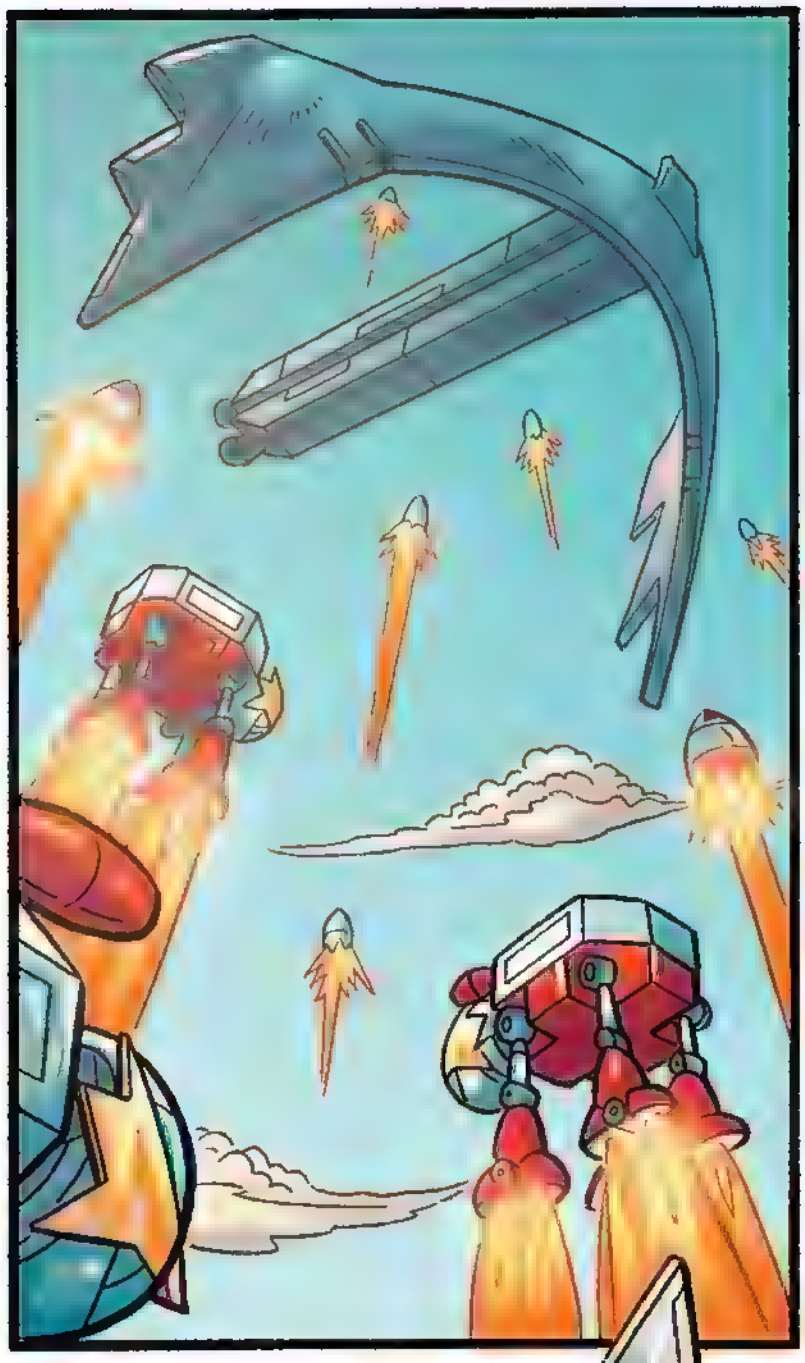

WE...WE DID IT, SIR! WE WON!
NO...

...WE WERE SPARED DEFEAT. KEEP THE CIVILIANS IN THE BUNKERS AND KEEP ON HIGH ALERT.
YES, SIR!
AND START A DAMAGE ASSESS-MENT.

"I NEED TO KNOW HOW BADLY WE WERE HURT."
THE AREA IS SECURE.
HOPE? ARE YOU... DAMAGED?

I'M NEVER GOING TO HAVE A NORMAL LIFE.
I'M NEVER GOING TO HAVE A FAMILY AGAIN.

UM... THERE-THERE?
PLEASE DO NOT LEAK ANYMORE?

RUN, RUN, SNIVELY. FAST AS YOU CAN.!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME. YOU CAN'T BEAT THE EGGMAN!

THE CHASE COMES TO AN END NEXT TIME IN THE *DRAGON KINGDOM*.! HOW MANY MORE WILL FALL? HOW MANY MORE HEARTS WILL BE BROKEN? THE STAKES GET EVEN HIGHER IN "*SCRAMBLED*" PART 3.!! UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, *SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE*, AND THE *GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES*.!

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 4/24/12!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 235

THE ROAD TO **250 BEGINS!**

SILVER RETURNS AND CHANGES ERUPT AS OUR HEROES GATHER TOGETHER TO...

"REMEMBER THE FALLEN"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 04/10/12

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

My name is Elizabeth and I'm 12. I just started reading the comics, and they're pretty good. I have a few questions, though.

1) Are there any issues about Cream the Rabbit? She is so cute, is there an arc about her? Or maybe the story about how she met Cheese, perhaps?

Cream's introduction to the Sonic comic universe can be found in Sonic the Hedehog #218, however she ALSO co-starred in the super-awesome SU story arc "TREASURE TEAM TANGO" (or "TTT" for us cool kids, amirite?) so you can check her out there as well!

2) Is Archie Comics still making Sonic comics?

You're reading one as we speak!

3) I don't like Sally. Before she became a robot, why would she be with Sonic instead of Amy?

Sonic and Sally just had one of those romances that stood the test of time. Except that one time Sonic got slapped, that was pretty brutal. Or that one time she dated Monkey Khan... Come to think of it, I have no idea! That's a question best answered by Sonic. Oh, Sonic?

Hey Sonic-Grams-Guy, what's up?

We got a letter here asking why you chose Sally over Amy? Care to explain yourself?

Well, Sally was my best friend since childhood, my teammate in the heat of battle, and a PRINCESS to boot! Who wouldn't like a girl like that?

4) Can I be Sonic's 9th biggest fan?

No problemo! 9th biggest fan it is!

Hey, only I can bestow fan-ranking! Who do you think you are?

Uh, dude. Name's in the title.

...so it is.

Sonic's 9th biggest fan and Chao-lover, Liz
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Liz! You're way past cool!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Greetings! Extremely long time reader (From Issue #6 of STH), first time writing in! I just wanted to say that I've really been enjoying "Sonic Universe." Each arc has been quite enjoyable and it's been great seeing other characters from the Sonic universe getting page time, as it were. Never would have I imagined that Dr. Eggman would get his own arc.

Whoa! Since STH #6?! That's AWESOME! As for ol' 'buttnik getting his own story arc, SOMEONE didn't ask for MY input on that one...

Oh come on, it's a cool story!

Uh huh.

Is there a Moebius version of Shadow? If so, hopefully he'll appear soon!

I sure hope not! That's all I need right now!

hmm...Moebius Shadow, eh?

Don't you even think about it!

Eternal Fan of The Master of Faster, Mark V.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks, Mark! See you next month!

Hey, that's MY line!

You snooze you lose! Haha!!

Why I oughtta--

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want your input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!